

CAPT. U. S. A. AND BUTCHER BOY

ROBERT ROMON SIMONSON AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

This Time He Visits Hoboken and Shoots Himself—Says a Girl He Drove and Explains Afterward That He Said So Because He Loves to Kill Fly People.

Capt. Robert Romon Simonson, U. S. A., who while working for a butcher in Ninth avenue last June attained a glorious military record and the very finest collection of uniforms in captivity, was under fire for the first time at 1:15 o'clock yesterday morning over the Hoboken and stopped a bullet. Young as he is, the lieutenant has won almost every uniform from that of First Lieutenant up to Major-General in the Regular Army, Admiral of the Chilean navy, general officer of the Mexican army, and the knee breeches and ash of a diplomat of the Akond of Swat or some such court.

But always he has come out of engagements with colors more or less flying, from the storming of the fort of the East Side and West Side feminine battalions, until the Hoboken bullet brought him down yesterday morning. He fell ignominiously among a pile of telegraph poles at the corner of Bloomfield and Fourteenth streets from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the fleshy part of the left hip. The "Captain" says, however, that he can prove that he was facing his revolver when he fired it and that he aimed dead for his heart. When he gets out of St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, in a day or two he will doubtless give more news—after he has explained certain matters to a mere Jersey chief of police—to the study of anatomy and less to hoisting ever books of army tactics. And the boy, who is only 21 years old—even as he lay bleeding in the dark and quiet, sure that he was going to die, cried out:

"The shot me! The shot me!"

He chuckled to himself as he saw Policeman Ryan, who had been bending over him, straighten up upon hearing the cry and dart down Bloomfield street to capture the imaginary murderer "Lizzie" before she could slip under the wall of darkness.

"Why did I do it?" repeated the "Captain" as he lay in a cot in St. Mary's Hospital yesterday afternoon after he had confessed really to his own shooting. "I was not a Lizzie and that he had shot himself because of a recent rebuff from Carrie Breslin of Manhattan, whom he had courted in his gladiatorial uniform. He had run for his West Point diploma was home made. 'Why I do these things because it's a good sport.' It's a lot of fun to kill a lot of people that think they're fly."

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CAPT. CAMERON TO QUIT THE SEA.

White Star Line's Commodore Will Be Port Captain at Southampton.

Capt. John C. Cameron, who is now in command of the steamship Oceanic, is to retire when he gets back to Liverpool on the White Star Line for thirty-four years and commanded them for twenty-five. Capt. Cameron is to be port captain at Southampton, which will soon be the port of departure for the Atlantic service of the company.

Capt. Cameron was born in Liverpool 54 years ago. He made his first voyage when he was 18 years old on a sailing vessel, and entered the service of the White Star Line in 1883 as chief officer of the Bunk, dove, a bark sailing from Liverpool to Valparaiso. His first command was the steamship Belgic, which traded between San Francisco and Chinese and Japanese ports. She belonged to the Occidental and Pacific Line, which had been leased by the White Star company. For six years he sailed on the Pacific and then ran to New Zealand for some years in charge of the steamship Ionic, and in 1887 was promoted to the Liverpool-New York service. When the Oceanic was put in charge as commodore of the line was put in charge.

Capt. Cameron, in a blizzard in 1885, saved the crew of a sinking schooner off Fire Island, and for that service he is carrying a watch on which is engraved: "From the President of the United States to Capt. John C. Cameron of the British steamship Teutonic, in recognition of his heroic services in effecting the rescue of the crew of the American schooner Josie Reeves on February 8, 1885."

His last command was nine days out from Liverpool when he reached Fire Island after one of the hardest voyages that Capt. Cameron can remember. He did not dare to run for port until day broke, and he ran for the West Point diploma was home made. "Why I do these things because it's a good sport." It's a lot of fun to kill a lot of people that think they're fly.

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HARRIMAN SEES HIS BOYS ACT

EAST SIDE YOUNGSTERS GIVE "THE GONDOLIERS"

And Astonish an Audience at Sherry's, Especially With the Singing—The Great Patron Insisted on Getting the Right Change From the Programme Boy.

E. H. Harriman took a night off last night and went to see his own company of players in "The Gondoliers, or The King of Barataria," skip and dance and laugh in the good old Gilbert & Sullivan piece. The opera was put on at Sherry's by the Boys' Club, of which Mr. Harriman has been president for thirty-one years.

It was a grand moment for the boys, therefore, when Bill Schmidt, prima donna of "The Gondoliers," sidled up to the angel of the show, kicked his silk skirts out of the way, blushed through his grease paint and stuck out a paw, saying "Thank you, Mr. Harriman. We actors did the best we could, and we're all glad you liked the show. Come again when you have time."

Last night wasn't the first time that the Junior Singing Club of the Boys' Club scored a real success on the stage. Ever since 1898 when Francis H. Tabor, superintendent of the club, took hold and got the boys playing association football, cricket and other good healthy games to keep them away from the unhealthy music halls of the East Side the boys have been giving shows. Mr. Harriman had given them a building at Avenue A and Tenth street and plenty of things to work with.

Mr. Harriman himself, as he said last night, has never missed one of the Boys' Club shows except once, and that was when he went to the Far East with Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt that was.

They used a ballroom on the third floor of Sherry's last night for the "Gondoliers." The stage was lit with a regular stage, drops and changes of scenery, all belonging to the club. Long before the curtain went up on the first act the room was pretty well crowded with patrons and patronesses of the club and their friends. Some of the people who saw the show were Mr. Harriman, Philip T. Dodge, Henry S. Brooks, Jr., Temple Bowdoin, R. Bayard Cutting, Loyal Farragut, Percy R. Fyne, Edmund Winthrop, Perry R. Holt, Otto H. Kahn, John H. Trowbridge, Hall, Francis Gordon Brown, Jr., Elphinstone Potter, Herbert L. Griggs, Mrs. Scotland E. Blah, Mrs. W. H. Choate, Mrs. Bradish, John W. M. R. Fulton Cutting, Mrs. Cleveland H. Dodge, Mrs. John M. Bowers, Mrs. William M. Barnum, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Archibald Rogers, Mrs. William Sloane, Mr. Egerton L. Winthrop, Jr., Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt and Mrs. E. H. Harriman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harriman came in just before the curtain went up. While Mr. Harriman was getting settled in his seat the railroad man went to the programme boy to buy a couple of programmes. Mr. Harriman fished a dollar bill out of his pocket and handed it to the boy. There didn't seem to be any change handy and the boy looked as if he was in a bit of a fix. He expected there would be any, but Mr. Harriman waited patiently, rubbing his eye glasses with his hand, while the programme boy scurried somewhere after change. The curtain was up on the merry Gondoliers before the change arrived.

The programmes were worth buying, for there was more in them than the act, that people always skip hunting for the joke. The friends of the Boys' Club had bought all kinds of space in the programme, and some of them were very, very modest and didn't want to advertise their business. One of the half pages had this inscription:

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"THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS."

Contains its Pure Natural Carbonic Acid Gas

which GREATLY IMPROVES DIGESTION by acting as a Gastric Stimulant and Tonic.

LONG SESSION OF COMMONS.

Struggle Over the Annual Army Bill Lasts Nearly Twenty-seven Hours.

LONDON, March 21.—The House of Commons adjourned this afternoon at 5:35 o'clock, having been in continuous session nearly twenty-seven hours. The session began at 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The measure under discussion was the annual army bill, which the Government was anxious to pass through the committee stage. The opposition fought it throughout the night and repeatedly but unsuccessfully attempted to secure an adjournment. Many members dozed on the benches, their sleep interrupted by demands every few minutes to attend divisions. Even Ministers were occasionally overcome and dozed.

Daylight found the assembly, many in evening dress, tired but determined as ever and with sufficient energy to appreciate the occasional flashes of humor introduced into the discussion of the bill. The Government whip telegraphed early this morning to some 200 members to hasten to the House of Commons and relieve the jaded Government supporters. The arrival of the relief forces put fresh life into the proceedings.

IT IS HARD TO

keep a boy both out and in—out of doors and in his clothes. You keep him out of doors, and we'll keep him in his clothes. We have been studying boys' suits for a long time and know the secrets of making them strong. In the matter of style we are as proud of our boys' suits as of any we make.

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GAS PROPELLED WARSHIPS.

Sir William H. White of the British Navy Doubtful as to the Project's Success.

LONDON, March 21.—British naval architects and engineers are discussing the gas propelled, funnelless warship said to have been designed by Vickers Sons & Maxim all the known details of which were called to the S.N.C. yesterday. Sir William H. White, chief constructor of the British Navy, is sceptical as to whether a gas driven battleship can be achieved. He doubts the possibility of obtaining the necessary 16,000 horse-power by this means. The highest development in the marine gas engine thus far has been 800 horse-power.

Sir William believes that the internal combustion engine is the engine of the future for general purposes, but he does not see how it can be adapted to warships. Moreover, he does not see how stability is to be maintained if the weight of boilers and the present heavy engines is removed. It is further questionable if funnels can be altogether dispensed with as even a gas engine must have an air supply and an exhaust.

SUFFRAGETTES GO TO JAIL.

All of them Elected Imprisonment Except One, Who Could Not Spare the Time.

LONDON, March 21.—Seven suffragettes, with one solitary male supporter, appeared in the Westminster police court this morning to answer for their misdeeds of over night, consisting of "disorderly conduct and obstructing the police in the vicinity of the House of Parliament."

The prosecuting counsel asked the Magistrate to deal more severely, than hitherto with the offenders. They were fined in amounts varying from twenty shillings to the alternative of fourteen days imprisonment, to forty shillings or a month as first class misdemeanants.

All the suffragettes elected to go to prison rather than pay the fine except a Norwegian woman, who said she could not spare the time.

TRANSAVAL BARS CHINESE.

Governor, the Earl of Selborne, Says Emphatically They Will Not Soon Come.

PRETORIA, March 21.—The chief point in the speech made by the Governor, the Earl of Selborne, in opening the Transvaal Legislature to-day was the announcement that the employment of Chinese in the mines would be at the earliest possible moment.

He earnestly praised the institution of self-government for the Transvaal and expressed the hope that it might be used by the people and Parliament to remove all causes of disagreement and disunion. The elections, he continued, had been characterized by a remarkable absence of racial bitterness. This was a happy augury for the union of the two white races.

UNCLE JOE IN KINGSTON.

Dinner in His Honor Given on Board Ship the Night Before Arrival.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 21.—The Hamburg-American Line passenger liner arrived here this evening from West Indian ports. Aboard in the Congressional party, the guests of Congressman McKinley, including Speaker Cannon. Last night a dinner was given on the steamer, in honor of Mr. Cannon, who spoke for forty minutes on the historical development of the Middle West. A concert followed, and Congressmen Cannon and McKinley contributed a song.

The tourists are ashore to-night sight-seeing. They will sail to-morrow for Colon.

WORLD'S FAIR IN BERLIN.

Move to Celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary in 1913 of the Kaiser's Accession.

BERLIN, March 21.—It is regarded as certain that a world's fair will be held here in 1913. The movement is supported by leading merchants and influential politicians, who will address Chancellor von Buelow urging that the Government assist. The fair is intended to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Kaiser's accession to the throne.

TO RAISE THE ASSUAN DAM.

Egyptian Council of Ministers Decides to Increase the Area of Irrigation.

CAIRO, March 21.—The Council of Ministers has adopted the proposal to raise the Assuan dam. The extra supply of water thus obtained will be sufficient to irrigate 1,000,000 acres of land. About 850,000 acres are now irrigated. The project is now under consideration because there is no water for the purpose, will be brought under cultivation. It is estimated that the annual increase in the value of the cotton output will be nearly \$2,000,000. The work will be completed in 1913.

INCOME TAX FOR STRANGERS.

French Bill Applies to Those Who Remain There Longer Than Ten Months.

PARIS, March 21.—The Income Tax Committee has adopted the clauses in the bill exempting from the tax strangers staying in France less than ten months and making resident strangers who do not exercise any profession or trade pay a tax after the tenth month, based on the renting value of the houses in which they live.

CHANNEL TUNNEL OPPOSED.

Announcement by the Government in Both Houses of Parliament.

LONDON, March 21.—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Crewe announced that the Government was opposed to the Channel tunnel bill. In the House of Commons Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman confirmed this statement on behalf of the Government.

Pope Gets His Decoration From Menelik.

Rome, March 21.—The Pope gave audience to-day to a Capuchin missionary from Abyssinia, who delivered the insignia of the Order of the Star of Ethiopia bestowed upon his Holiness by the King Menelik.

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Spring Suits & Top Coats for Men

RADICAL AND CONSERVATIVE MODELS \$15.00 to \$43.

We have established our standard and we will adhere to it. Not to-day, nor any other day, shall we descend to clothing commonplaces.

Every tailorman in our organization has received the highest training. His skill lies in the building of the best he knows. And the most essential thing we have taught him is this: the top notch quality must remain.

Nor is that true alone of a class of garments. It may be said and established beyond contention for every garment which our shop affords—be the price ever so modest.

Altogether new and distinctive we present

Sack Suits, in 12 radical and conservative models, \$15.00 to \$43.00

Top Coats and Spring Overcoats in 10 radical and conservative models, \$15.00 to \$43.00

Each of which is presented in a diversified variety of plain and fancy fabrics.

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Sale of Derbies for Men at \$1.95

Regularly \$3.50 and \$5.00

There is a reason for it. Some of these hats are samples that have faithfully served their purpose. Others are not without slight flaws—flaws so faint as to be scarcely perceptible. All of them are the work of one of the most prominent—in fact the most famous maker of America: in the new spring blocks, banded and bound in exactly the same manner as his regular three-fifty and five dollar hats.

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50c to 65c Lisle Half Hose at 32c

Lisle thread half hose in plain shades and with embroidered insteps, also plain tan and black. Men of discernment will readily recognize the full measure of worth in this offer.

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All that makes a really dependable shoe—selected leathers, perfected workmanship and correct styles—everything the exacting buyer demands in shoes—will be found in the Saks-Banister Oxfords.

They vary in style from the extreme of sturdiness to the extreme of shapeliness. Patent and dull leathers in tan and black. Shoes well worth the Price—isn't that the vital essential?

Spring Underwear for Men

The merit of this underwear is apparent to the eye and to the touch. Every garment has been selected for the particular purpose of meeting the needs of particular people.

Shirts and Drawers of "Saks" mesh linen—shirts with long or short sleeves and drawers in regular or stout sizes. \$2.25 the garment.

Shirts and Drawers of "American" silk (mercerized lisle) in pink, sky blue, lavender and plain white—shirts with long or short sleeves and long or short drawers. \$1.50 the garment.

Shirts and Drawers of French balbriggan—shirts with long or short sleeves, drawers regular or stout. 75c the garment.

DAKOTA DIVORCES VOID.

CARRIES 150,000 MORE DAILY.

Massachusetts Court Declares Western Decree Inoperative to That State.

Boston, March 21.—Hundreds of men and women of this State who have married again after obtaining divorces in South Dakota are wondering if they are legally married after the decision of Judge Lawton of the Superior Court, who, in the case of Cutting vs. Cutting, declares that a South Dakota divorce is inoperative in this State.

Louis W. and Edith Cutting were married in Arlington in 1901 and she left him in November, 1904. She went to South Dakota, established a residence and got a divorce. She returned to New York and was married in February, 1906, to Paul Thompson.

Louis Cutting sued his wife for divorce, charging infidelity and naming Paul Thompson as the corespondent. The wife interposed as her defence a certified copy of her South Dakota divorce. In his opinion Judge Lawton said that the South Dakota Court did not have jurisdiction over him (Louis W. Cutting). As regards her, it is elementary that where full faith and credit of the Federal Court is invoked to compel enforcement in one State of a decree rendered in another the question of jurisdiction of the court by which the decree was rendered is not answered by merely showing that the court whose decree is questioned asserted jurisdiction.

Interborough Figures Show the Pressure of City Travel.

The annual report of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, which operates the subway and elevated lines in Manhattan and The Bronx, shows that the number of passengers carried last year was 420,362,889, an increase of 54,127,919 over the previous year. The daily average was 1,151,514, as compared with 1,093,218 in 1905.

The company's gross earnings for 1906 were \$20,916,147, an increase of \$2,697,881 over the total of 1905. The operating expenses showed an increase of only \$548,493 over 1905. The net earnings were \$21,222,660, an increase of \$2,143,396. The company's net income was \$7,483,192, an increase of \$1,125,690. The report shows a surplus of \$3,545,192, an increase of \$1,041,050 over 1905. The operating percentage was decreased from 42.04 to 32.2.

Mr. Odell Calls on Gov. Hughes.

ALBANY, March 21.—Former Governor B. Odell, Jr., of Newburgh, who came to Albany to attend the dinner of the Legislative Correspondents' Association to-night, called at the Capitol this afternoon to see Gov. Hughes. The call was a personal one, just for a few minutes conversation.

HUNTING ALLEGED BIG FORGER.

Country Boy's Rocket Career Ends in Poker and Bad Checks.

PITTSBURGH, March 21.—A general alarm has been sent out by the police for O. B. Hitchcock, formerly of Pittsburgh, now a fugitive, who has left a wife and a trail of bad paper. It is alleged that Hitchcock lost not less than \$50,000 worth of bad paper, and that much of it was placed in Washington.

Hitchcock came to Pittsburgh three years ago, a green lad from a farm, with a train in West Virginia. He had never got more than \$10 a week salary, but a Pittsburgh firm gave him a chance to sell real estate. In six months he cleared \$55,000 in commissions. Then he was put on a salary of \$12,000 a year and commissions, which enabled him to make \$50,000 a year.

A syndicate of New York gamblers finally got him at poker, some of his games costing as much as \$25,000. Then he began to write bad checks, it is alleged, and in a few days had the town police with them—big ones, too. Then he disappeared.

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